



# Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP"

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*"Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!"*

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*Dear Commemorative Partners,*

As we depart one season of giving thanks amidst family and friends, and enter another cherished time of celebrations, festive wonder, gift-giving and the warmth of family gatherings, I would like to take a moment to personally **thank each and every one of you** for your **phenomenal dedication** to the **noble mission** of **thanking and honoring** America's **Vietnam veterans and their families!**

Communities across the Nation continue to be **inspired** by your **leadership**. In fact, your hosting of more than **18,000** commemorative events since 2012 has enabled Americans to **publicly and individually recognize** more than **2.5 million Vietnam veterans and their families** ... an incredible achievement!

This year, I was privileged to attend and provide remarks at **27 events** in **11 States** and **Washington, D.C.** Although a small sampling of the 2,800 commemorative events that



*Aerial view of thousands gathered to thank & honor Vietnam veterans during the May 25, 2019 Grand Opening of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, The Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA.*

took place throughout the country in 2019, I was repeatedly struck by the depth of emotion released when our **previously unsung patriots** were **finally given the tribute they so richly earned half a century ago.**



Let me encourage you ... **2020 is not the year to relax** in our efforts to thank these deserving men and women! You are getting a "sneak peek" at our 2020 **March 29** poster (at left); it is my hope you will **re-double your efforts on and around that day** to bring as many Vietnam veterans as possible into your respective "public squares" to be honored by friends and neighbors. 2.5 million reached is admirable, but another **3.7 million remain who have not yet been publicly and individually thanked** on behalf of the Nation! In addition, the Department of Veterans Affairs estimates we will **lose 559** Vietnam veterans **daily** in 2020. Clearly, our time is limited to reach them all, so I urge each of you to **continue this most honorable pursuit!**

As we enter 2020, remember to utilize our [Partner Portal](#) or call (877) 387-9951 to **update your points of contact** and order Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins and other free materials for future events.

Please accept my **grateful thanks** for your efforts and **warm wishes** for a delightful holiday season!

**Major General James T. Jackson, U.S. Army (Retired)**  
**Director, The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration**